

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 3, lines 15 – 19, as follows:

It is another object of this invention to provide a non-invasive diagnostic test for monitoring the progression of an HIV infection by monitoring and quantitation of plasma membrane Human Leukocyte Elastase (HLE) in seropositive HIV individuals that experience an ~~Aids~~ AIDS Related Condition (also herein “ARC Individuals”); and individuals that have ~~Acquire~~ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) (also “AIDS Individuals”).